

## Dayton scores "100" on index of LGBTQ inclusion

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The City of Dayton has earned the highest possible score on the 2019 Municipal Equality Index (MEI), an annual report on LGBTQ inclusion in American cities.

Dayton's score of 100 indicates it met nearly all of 49 criteria (plus two bonus criteria) covering non-discrimination protections, municipal employment policies, public services, law enforcement and city leadership on LGBTQ equality.

Protecting youth from conversion therapy and inclusive health insurance policies are among the steps taken by the City of Dayton in recent years to ensure inclusion.

"Dayton continues to earn the highest possible score because we continue to work for fairness and inclusivity in our community," said Mayor Nan Whaley.

The 2019 MEI rates 506 cities. It is a program of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest LGBTQ advocacy organization, in cooperation with the Equality Federation Institute.

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